

REMARKS

The Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), filed on January 17, 2007, was dismissed because the amendment failed to note the relationship between the instant application and application nos. 10/685,057 and 10/777,231.

The Applicant respectfully submits this Renewed Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) to claim the benefit of prior-filed Nonprovisional application No. 10/097,921, "Reaction Bonded Alumina Filter and Membrane Support," filed March 13, 2002 (U.S. Patent No. 6,695,967), of which the present application is a Continuation-in-Part, and which is included herein by reference.

The Applicant affirms that the entire delay between the date the priority claim was due and the date the priority claim was filed was unintentional.

As requested in the Decision on Petition, the Applicant is concurrently submitting a Substitute Amendment to the Specification, complying with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, to reflect the priority claim, as follows:

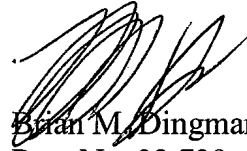
This application claims the benefit of nonprovisional application No. 10/097,921, "Reaction Bonded Alumina Filter and Membrane Support," filed March 13, 2002 (U.S. Patent No. 6,695,967), of which this application is a Continuation-in-Part, and which is included herein by reference.

Nonprovisional application No. 10/685,057, "Membrane Devices Using Reaction Bonded Monolith Supports," filed October 14, 2003; and nonprovisional application No. 10/777,231, "Reaction-bonded Porous Magnesia Body," filed February 12, 2004; are included herein by reference."

The Applicant wishes to thank Senior Petitions Examiner Nancy Johnson for her assistance.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned in Westborough, Massachusetts, (508) 898-1501.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian M. Dingman", is written over the printed name.

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